

**JOHN CHRISTIAN ERHARDT MEMORIAL SCHOOL**

**MAKKOVIK**

**PRESENTS**

**LADY DIANA AT THE MAKKOVIK SPORTS MEET**

Lady Diana is in Canada at the request of the IODE (Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire). This happens to be at the same time as the Makkovik Fall Sports Meet. The school seizes this opportunity to invite her to be the special guest at the Meet. She takes in the games and speaks at the closing banquet.

**CAST**

Shannon Mitchell	Lady Diana
Natalie Andersen	School Principal
Roxanne Winters	Teacher/Athlete
Alvin Jacque	Janitor/Athlete/Student
Justin Clark	Student/Athlete/Cheerleader
Holly Andersen	Student/Athlete/Cheerleader
Joyce Haye	Student/ Athlete/Cheerleader
Jean Michelin	Student/ Athlete/Cheerleader
<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Joan Andersen and Wendy Mars



Brandy Seaman Gr.6  
St. Michael's

Master of Ceremonies (MC): Good day, everybody. Welcome to John Christian Erhardt Memorial School. We are hosting the Fall Sports Meet this year. Teams will be arriving from five other communities on the north coast. Six boys and six girls from each community. We are all looking forward to meeting new friends, seeing some old friends again, and taking in all the events. The sports include volleyball, table tennis, running, jumping, rifle shoot, archery, and of course the native games. This year we are fortunate to have a very special guest invited to view the games and speak at the closing banquet.

Reporter: (just arriving) Excuse me. Is this the right place? I'm a reporter from YTV. I am here to cover the sports meet. Is this the JCEM School?

MC: Yes, this is it. Follow me, I'll show you where everything is.

(They exit.)

SCENE II - in a classroom.  
(Roxanne is the teacher.)

Teacher: Let's get the banners finished today so they'll be ready for the opening ceremonies this evening. Our special guest is arriving today also.

Joyce: Who is that?

Jeannie: Where have you been? Sure, it's Princess Diana!

Jermaine: Miss, how come the Princess is coming to this small place? It's kind of out of the way, isn't it?

Teacher: Well, she was invited to Ottawa by the national chapter of the IODE. You remember what that stands for?

Jeannie: Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire.

Teacher: Princess Diana is certainly a daughter of the Empire. She's also considered the princess of charities. Since the IODE is a charitable organization, they thought it would be perfect to invite Diana to their convention. When our IODE chapter told us about that, Mr. Blair decided to invite her here on her way home.

Holly: Isn't it still a bit out of the way?

Jermaine: Not if your family has its own private jets and helicopters and a yacht!

Teacher: Her private jet takes her to Goose Bay and then she will be coming here by helicopter.

Joyce: What time will she get here?

Teacher: Sometime today. Now, let's see how we're doing with the banners.

(A knock at the door. Principal enters with Princess Diana who is brushing splatters of mud off her skirt.)

Principal: Excuse me, class. I have someone very important for you to meet.

Class: Princess Diana! Lady Di! Your Majesty!.....

Princess: Hello, everybody. It's so nice to see you. Oh dear, I'm such a mess. Mr. Blair brought me down from the airstrip on his four-wheeler. There were quite a lot of mud puddles. I think we went through every one.

Holly: Lady Diana, I can't believe it's really you. (Runs over with paint brush in hand and hugs her, getting paint on her dress.) You're ugly pretty! Oh, I'm so sorry! Let me wipe it off. (Spot gets worse).

Princess: Don't worry about it, child. I'm sure it will be quite all right, really.

Principal: Come, Lady Diana. I'll show you the rest of the school.

(Enters the Home Economics room where they are mixing cakes.)

Joyce: Oh my gosh, look who it is!

Jermaine: Lady Diana! I 'low I'm gonna faint off!  
(accidentally flicks batter from her spoon onto her dress).

Jeannie: Wha's wrong wit you, maid. Look what you got done!  
(offers a piece of paper towel)

Principal: Children, children. Restrain yourselves.  
Please pardon their excitement, Princess Diana.  
It's not everyday we get such a famous visitor.

Princess: I understand.

Roxanne: Lady Diana, we're preparing some finger foods for the opening ceremonies. Would you like to try some nikku?

Princess: Well, sure. Why not? (tastes it but does not like it much. Does not want to let on.)

Principal: Come to the gymnasium. The cheerleaders are practicing during this period.

Princess: You do have a lovely school here. The children seem so friendly.

In the gym, they watch the cheerleaders do a cheer. All of a sudden, a spray of water erupts from the janitor's room nearby and soaks Diana.

Janitor: Oh, sorry. The hose came out of the bucket I was filling. Oh, my stars! Oh no! This couldn't be!

Principal: Yes, Mr. White. This is none other than Lady Diana.

Janitor: Oh, please. What can I do? Oh, my goodness. Please, come here. Let me do something. (They both go into the janitor's room. The Princess is a bit overcome by the state of her dress. When she comes out she is wearing a garbage bag dress.)

Princess: Really, Miss Chaulk. I must get to the hotel right away. That outfit is certainly ruined.

Reporter: (comes running in) Where is she? They told me Lady Di was here. Where? Where?

Principal: Yes, we are very pleased to have her majesty here but she is not available right now.

Reporter: But where can I find her.

Princess: I am Diana, sir.

Reporter: What? You? You don't look like a princess.

Princess: Well, I wish to inform you, sir, I truly am.

Reporter: Well, the accent is right. But the dress sure isn't. You can't fool me. I've been around.

Principal: We must get the Princess to her hotel. Come along, Princess Diana. I'll give you a ride.

Reporter: Ma'am. What you have here is an imposter! She

and turn him into a handsome prince!

Reporter: I have a better idea, Lady, tell me. Is it true you love a man named Charles?

Princess: What rubbish!

Reporter: That's proof enough, I suppose.

SCENE: OUTSIDE LOCKER ROOMS

Reporter: (looking into camera) This is reporter, Alvin Jacque, for YTV covering the Fall Sports Meet at Makkovik. You're probably wondering why I'm wearing this neck brace. Well, have you ever tried doing a play-by-play of a table tennis game? And not just one but for all day? (moves head to and fro) Ohhhhh, my neck still hurts. Well, today I want to interview the fellow whom everyone is saying will be the top male athlete at the meet. Maybe, he's over here in this dressing room. Let's go check. (opens door. Girls scream.) Oh, wrong room! (spots someone) Maybe this is the fellow over here.

Reporter goes over to Justin who is doing warm-up exercises.  
Are you the top male athlete at this meet?

Justin: I don't know. I haven't had a chance to prove it yet.

Reporter: But are you with JCEM?

Justin: Yes.

Reporter: What's your name?

Justin: Justin Clark.

Reporter: Well, everyone's been saying they expect you'll win most of the events here. Why is that?

Justin: Probably because they've watched me training for the Sports Meet. I have trained pretty hard. I think I've built up a lot of endurance. I usually outrun the rest of my team mates by several meters. And I've worked hard at my skills in volleyball.

Reporter: What sort of things do you do to train for a meet?

Justin: I jog every day. I weight lift every evening after school. I do aerobics. Plus I play in several team sports.

Reporter: Have you ever competed in a Meet before?

Justin: Yes. Last year.

Reporter: Tell me. Did you win any trophies or medals?

Justin: No. That's why I am so determined this year. I've grown a lot in one year. I've worked on building up muscle. I hope to do a lot better. Well, excuse me. I'm going for a jog now.

Reporter: Oh, mind if I join you?

Justin: No, not at all.

The Race (50 metre run)

Reporter: Good afternoon, all you TV viewers. The girls are lining up for the 50 metre run. Each community is represented here. I see Lady Diana is here as well, watching the race. They are all wearing numbers. One is wearing #7. That is my lucky number! I was born on the 7th day of the 7th month. I weighed 7 pounds. I was the seventh son. So, you know what? I can't help it. I'm going to cheer for number 7!

Principal: Get ready, get set, go! (Girls are off & running.)

Reporter: There they go. Yes! Number 7 is in the lead. She looks like a good strong runner. Come on, number 7, keep it up.

Oh, oh, someone passed her. She's in second place. Come on, move ahead. You can do it, number 7. Oh no, someone else passed her. Don't slow down yet! Oh, oh. She's in fourth. No, fifth. She came in last..... I don't believe it. (To camera man..) Come on, let's go interview her. Maybe she's nursing an injury or something. Got to be some reason for coming... last. (Goes over to #7) Hello, are you all right? (The girl is collapsed on the ground, very out of breath.) Let me see, that is number 7 you're wearing, isn't it? Yep. Guess it's not your lucky number. Are you gonna be all right? Here, let me get you some water. (Pours it over her face)

Number 7: (revived by the water) Ohhhhhh. (She wails and covers her face). I let my team down....Ohhh.

Reporter: Oh, don't take it so hard. You did your best, didn't you?

Number 7: Yes, but they were counting on me.....

Reporter: Ah, don't worry. They aren't going to dump you or anything. You win some, you lose some, that's all.....

Number 7: Ohh, I've got to go apologize to my team.

Lady Diana comes over to comfort the girl. (She has already shaken hands with each of the other girls.)

Reporter: I think Lady Diana will soon have her smiling again. (looking into camera) As you can see, the pressure to perform well is a big thing in any sports event. I wonder where they get the idea from? Is winning all that matters? I mean, just because my number lost doesn't mean I'm upset, well, not much ....

Joyce: Hey, are you the reporter?

Alvin: Yes.

Joyce: Did you see my sister? She won. She came in first!

Alvin: Oh, that was your sister. Well, good for her.

Joyce: Did you see how fast she was running?

Alvin: Yes, and what number was she wearing, by the way?

Joyce: Number 5. Oh, I'm so happy for her. I'm so excited. You know, she snores in her sleep, but I don't even care about that anymore! She can snore as loud as she wants, I won't mind.

Alvin: What's your sister's name?

Joyce: Jermaine. And, and, and, do you want to know her boyfriend's name?

Jermaine: Oh no, you don't. Come on home now. I think mommy has some cookies baked! (pulls her away)

Alvin: Oh my, sisters are a real pain sometimes. (To camera man) Let's see what event is taking place in the gym. (They go off-stage.)

### THE NATIVE GAMES

The HIGH KICK is already in progress when the reporter and camera-man arrive. Lady Diana is just arriving. Cheerleaders are doing a cheer.

Reporter: (to bystander) What event is this?

Bystander: It's the Native Games and this is the High Kick.

Reporter: (to Lady Diana, with microphone) Tell us, Lady Diana, what do you think of the native games?

Diana: Oh, that poor little seal... They are not hurting it, are they?

Reporter: No, my lady, that is a stuffed seal.

Diana: Oh, thank goodness.

Principal holds up a sign saying "Seal Crawl". Cheerleaders cheer as this race goes on.

Principal holds up a sign saying "Monkey Dance". Cheerleaders do a cheer as two athletes monkey dance.

Reporter: Oh, look. One of the athletes is holding a dolly.  
(to camera man) Let's go check this out!  
Hello, what's your name?

Holly: Holly Andersen.

Reporter: Are you from out of town?

Holly: Yes, I'm from Postdale.

Reporter: Do you always carry your doll with you when you go away from home?

Holly: Oh no, this is not my dolly. This is an Inuit Doll. It's the trophy for the team that wins the Native Games.

Reporter: A trophy? I've never seen a trophy that looks like this before. Let's have a look at it. (Holds doll up to camera). It's wearing traditional clothing, too. What nice slippers!

Holly: Those are made from deerhide. They're called moccasins.

Reporter: Well, isn't this a neat trophy. You learn something new everyday. The native games are the final event in this sports meet. Things wrap up tonight at the closing banquet.

#### AT THE BANQUET

Principal: Athletes and invited guests, welcome to the banquet. I hope you've enjoyed the hot meal prepared by the Women's Group. We feel very privileged this week to have Lady Diana with us. Let's welcome her now as she has a few words to say to all of us. (applause)

Lady Diana: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and students. Thank you for inviting me to this sports meet. It has been a new experience for me. I must say, everyone has been extremely friendly. Charming. And I love your English accent! And the sayings you have. When I first arrived, one girl said I was "ugly pretty". I didn't know what she meant at first. But then I realized it was a compliment.

The roads here leave a lot to be desired. They just go up and down and there are so many mud puddles. I think I'll phone Charles and ask him to send over enough money to pave these roads. (cheers are heard) He is always trying to help out where needed.

I must say, there has been a lot of work put into this meet. I must congratulate you on that. I



would like to come back next year and bring my sons,  
Prince William and Prince Harry. So do send us an  
invitation. Thank you.

Roxanne: On behalf of the students, we would like to present  
you with this gift.

Lady Diana: Oh, thank you so much.

Roxanne: We'd like you to open it, please.

Lady Diana opens it. It is a stuffed frog.

The students chant, "Kiss the frog, Lady Diana!"

She leans to kiss the frog which is sitting on the edge of the  
table. She knocks it off as she kisses it. Up pops JUSTIN  
from underneath the table.

Roxanne: We hope the reporter from YTV is watching closely.

Joyce: See? She is a real princess!

They all crowd around the princess and Justin to make  
conversation as the curtain closes.

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